



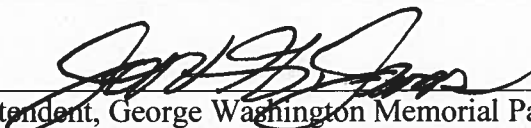
Record Of Determination for partial closure of portions
of the George Washington Memorial Parkway for Public
Health and Safety

Pursuant to 36 CFR 1.5(a), portions and/or lanes including exit and entrance ramps of the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) Northbound at Spout Run Parkway exit will be temporarily closed for the rock stabilization and mitigation repairs of two rock walls, which have experienced rock slides into the roadway. This action is necessary to protect the visiting public during the continued stabilization of the rock walls along the northbound lanes of the GWMP. A Record of Determination was done for earlier rock stabilization work. With continued rock stabilization being necessary, from January 5, 2012 to January 14, 2012 one lane out of three will be closed before the Spout Run Parkway exit. Additionally, the northbound left lane on GWMP will be temporarily closed just north of the Spout Run Parkway exit beginning at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 5, 2012 and will remain closed until 4:00 a.m. Friday, January 6, 2012. The northbound right lane of GWMP will remain open at all times. Violation is prohibited.

These temporary partial closures are necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety while rock wall stabilization continues to occur. Less restrictive measures will not suffice because of the need to secure the area while work is performed. It is not of a nature, magnitude and duration that will result in a "significant alteration in the public use pattern" because of the limited closure period for this area and because other nearby park areas in the George Washington Memorial Parkway will remain open to the public.

As such, the closure, which is a continuation of an earlier GWMP closure for earlier rock stabilization work, does not constitute impairment to park resources and values and will not adversely affect the park's natural, aesthetic or cultural values. It does not require significant modification to the resource management objections. It is also not of a highly controversial nature because the GWMP will be open to access at other points of entry. Accordingly, the National Park Service determines that publication as rulemaking in the Federal Register is unwarranted under 36 CFR 1.5(c). This is consistent with the legal opinion of the Office of the Solicitor and past judicial adjudications.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 1.7, notice of this temporary closure will be made by fencing of the area and the posting of signs at conspicuous locations. Finally, pursuant to 36 CFR 1.5(c), this determination is available to the public upon request.



Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway

1-5-12

Date